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In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) and § 1.97(c) (1), the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449 are hereby brought to the Examiner's attention.

The references were cited in a Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in a corresponding European Patent Application No. 01114484.7, dated September 20, 2002, within three months of this submission. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed. The relevant portions of the references are indicated therein.

A copy of each cited reference is also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear in the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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